

CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A device for implanting the distal tip of a penile implant prosthesis without puncturing the glans penis, said device comprising an elongated body having a handle portion at one end and a hole at the opposing end to secure a suture, wherein said handle portion includes an outwardly angled shaft section and linear handle section, and wherein the linear handle section is aligned in spaced and in parallel relation to the axis of the shaft.
2. (Cancelled)
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4. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 1, having a convexity and size ranging from about 0.5 cm to about 1.5 cm.
5. (Original) The device according to claim 1, wherein said handle portion has measurements calibrated to accommodate prosthesis dimensions and inform the operator of the exact distance of the distal tip inside the penile shaft.
6. (Currently Amended) A device for implanting the proximal tip of a penile implant prosthesis comprising an elongate shaft including a handle at one end and a receptacle at an opposing end, wherein said handle is etched with numbers and grooves to permit precise positioning of the prosthesis in the penis.
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Original) The device according to claim 6 wherein said receptacle has a convex cross-section, fusiform configuration and smooth peripheral edge and finish.

- 9 (Original) The device according to claim 6 wherein said device has a smooth peripheral edge and finish which guards against damage to penile tissue and the prosthesis device in the surgical placement of the prosthesis.
10. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 6 wherein the receptacle at its widest cross-section has a dimension of about 1 cm.
11. (Original) The device according to claim 6, wherein said receptacle conforms and supports the junction of the prosthesis cylinder and the connection with the tubing of the prosthesis.
12. (Original) The device according to claim 6 wherein a notch of similar diameter with the tubing is utilized as a receptacle.
13. (Currently Amended) A device for closure of the penile *corpora*, the device comprising a shaft with a grip or handle portion and a convex shape protective shield member portion which is dimensioned to conform to the configuration of the prosthesis.
14. (Original) The device according to claim 13 wherein said handle is attached to a narrow shaft that at its base is angled outward from the axis of the shaft.
15. (Original) The device according to claim 13 wherein said shield is convex shaped and has a smooth contour and thick edges and is positioned at the distal end.
16. (Original) The device according to claim 13, wherein said shield member portion protects the prosthesis cylinder from damage by a suturing needle.

17. An improved penile prosthesis device comprising:
- a. at least one cylinder having a proximal portion and a distal portion implantable within a *corpus cavernosum* of the penis, said cylinder having a cradle on the distal tip;
 - b. a fluid containing reservoir;
 - c. a pump chamber attached to said reservoir chamber;
 - d. a means coupled to said cylinder and said pump chamber for providing fluid communication between said cylinder and said pump chamber; and
 - e. a means for controlling fluid communication between said reservoir chamber and said pump chamber;
- wherein said cradle allows the insertion of the distal tip of said penile prosthesis to be implanted into the glans penis without puncturing said glans penis.
18. (Original) A penile prosthesis according to claim 17, which is made of silicone.
19. (Original) A penile prosthesis according to claim 17 wherein the cradle is made by a fold that is attached to the tip of the cylinder.
20. (Original) The penile prosthesis according to claim 17 wherein the cradle is located about 5 mm from the distal tip of the cylinder.
21. (Original) The cradle of claim 17, which is made of soft silicone.
22. (Original) A method of implanting the penile prosthesis device of claim 17 without puncturing the glans penis or the penile prosthesis, said method comprising the steps of
- a. inserting a totally deflated cylinder together with an insertion tool through an aperture into the *corpus cavernosum*;
 - b. securing the distal tip by holding the tip of the penis and the tool

- c. disengaging the tool from the cradle; and
- d. pulling the tool back and out of the glans penis.

23. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein said aperture is smaller than that required with an inflated cylinder.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 22 wherein insertion of the deflated cylinder requires only a small aperture, resulting in a decrease in post-operative scarring.

25. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein said insertion tool comprises an elongated shaft including a handle at one end and a blunt end at the opposite ends, and wherein said blunt end is designed to conform to the cradle in the prosthesis.

26. (Currently Amended) A method of implanting a penile prosthesis device without puncturing the glans penis or the penile prosthesis, said method comprising the steps of:

- a. threading a suture through the opening located at the distal tip of an insertion tool;
- b. securing said suture around the shaft opening so as to fasten the cylinder of said penile prosthesis to the distal tip of said insertion tool;
- c. positioning the distal tip of the prosthesis cylinder for implantation; and
- d. pulling the insertion tool and suture back out of the penis.

27. (Currently Amended) A method of implanting a penile prosthesis device without puncturing the glans penis or the penile prosthesis, said method comprising the steps of:

- a. threading a suture through the opening located at the distal tip of an insertion tool;

- b. securing said suture through a tunnel located on the distal tip of the distal prosthetic so as to fasten the cylinder of said penile prosthesis to the distal tip of said insertion tool;
- c. positioning the distal tip of the prosthesis cylinder for implantation;
and
- d. pulling the insertion tool and suture back out of the penis.